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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 26, 2004**

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**Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.**

**The Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.**

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